

Green Reports the Unemployed Have Increased to 7.950.000

Relief Funds Are Failing with No Signs of Economic Recovery—Again Urges 5-Day Week, Job Sharing, and Public Works.

Washington.—Unemployment has increased until the jobless army numbers 9,950,000, there are no tangible signs to indicate even the beginning of economic recovery, and relief measures by themselves are admittedly inadequate to provide for the larger and ever larger hosts of working men and women whom the government and control industry refuse to employ.

This was the tragic picture of the jobless situation in the United States painted by William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, in a statement on unemployment based on reports received from organizations affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Unemployment Increases

"Union unemployment reports in April show a new danger," he said. Industrial unemployment is increasing at the peak of the usual spring busy season. Never before in the five years of our reports has unemployment increased in April, not even in the two depression years just past.

Jobs for Jobless Necessary

With one eye on the monster of

Obviously we have yet failed to turn the tide toward economic recovery. Only by putting people back to work to create wealth and earn their livings can we put industry on a stable foundation. When unemployment increases

"It is a warning to make ready relief and public works. We are passing through one of the most critical periods in the depression. The next two months will test whether the Government reconstruction measures can bring about a start toward business recovery. Business hangs on buying power; and unemployment is cutting buying power to still lower levels.

There is only one way to give men enough work to keep body and soul together and at the same time stimulate buying—divide work time among those

"President Hoover is reported as convinced that the five-day week plan will become a necessary principle in the economic recovery of the country."

Trade Unionists Lose Jobs

"Trade union reports are a warning that unless hours are shortened to give work to more unemployed we run the risk of a worse crisis. Our weighted figures show 22.9 per cent unemployed."

Layoffs Increase

"Labor Department figures show the same trend: 1.5 per cent of the four million and a half million workers in their

"Estimating unemployment in the country as a whole on the basis of figures from unions, we find that nearly 100,000 have lost their jobs in industry since March. Last year, from March to April, over 280,000 were taken back to work in our industries."

"Although work on farms provides jobs for some in April this year, with the usual spring planting activity, the jobs so created are seasonal. Some 150,000 workers were hired on farms from March 1 to April 1, but 7,550,000 were still unemployed in the country as a whole."

In Welfare Work Budget

Rochester, N. Y.—Governor Franklin Roosevelt issued a warning against excessive expenditures in governmental and social welfare activities in an address here before the convention of the International Society for Crippled Children.

He declared that some Government activities could be curtailed, but feared that in the "mad scramble to cut expenses there is danger that some of the humanitarian work carried on by the Government may suffer to such an extent that future generations will be seriously affected."

**\$200,000,000 Idle-Relief
Public Works in Ital**

After Mussolini is spending \$200,000,000 annually on public improvements to develop Italy and provide employment. In the nine years the government has spent \$825,000,000 on public works. The following projects are underway at present: 861 jobs on road building, 594 hydroelectric plants, 11 irrigation and waterway projects, 493 reclamation jobs, 241 port works, and 24,650 separate jobs of reconstruction in earthquake districts.

Failed-Bank Depositors Penniless in Breadline

Binghamton, N. Y.—Many of the depositors subpoenaed as witnesses in the trial of the directors of the State Bank of Binghamton were in the breadline and lacked funds for car fare to Cooperstown, where the trial was

The Attorney General's office. The bank
crashed December 15, 1930. Three of the di-
rectors are on trial for making false state-
ments of the condition of the bank to the
State Banking Department.